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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

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SUBJECT : Talking Points - NIE 8-2-83: Prospects for Reducing
Heroin Supplies to the United States

1. The captioned Estimate was requested by Dominic DiCarlo, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics Matters, as a part of an evaluation of the State Department's production source reduction strategy.

2. Its policy relevance derives from key judgments that:

- The United States, in the next few years, will be hard pressed to contain the amount of heroin entering from Southwest Asia, Southeast Asia, and Mexico or to reduce it significantly through supply reduction programs.
- Supply reduction programs probably do help prevent sudden, massive increases in the quantity of heroin imported into the US.
- Other reasons for continuing to pursue foreign supply reduction programs are:
 - An inability to calculate whether and how much additional heroin might flow into the US if the programs ceased;
 - Supply disruption programs are important indicators of the depth of US concern; and
 - West European concern over increasing heroin abuse improves conditions for even closer joint intelligence and law enforcement action against the same trafficking networks that often supply both Europe and the US.

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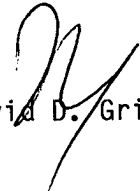
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3. The principal drafter, [] of CIA, was assisted in the preparation of the Estimate by officers from State, DEA, and the DDI.


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Attachment:

Draft of NIE 8-2-83: Prospects for Reducing Heroin Supplies to the United States

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